October 5, 2011

Creative Arts and Technology

Voluntary Safety House Meeting- Minutes

Pd. 6 – 12:12-12:53 PM

1. Safety and Respect
   * Teachers feel that tone of house/floor is effective.
   * Issues with hallway crowding are alleviated when teachers who are available to usher students into class between periods are actively participating.
   * The more we get to know our students, the increased chances of a positive response when you are interacting with them.
   * October is an active month where there is traditionally an increase in suspensions so we will revisit expectations of behavior.
   * Continue to listen to our students and encourage them.
   * Look for teachable moments
2. Classroom Usage
   * Teachers who share space in a classroom should be mindful of the teacher and class to follow.
   * Teachers working on different floors are communicating with teachers to try to address lateness issues that often arise because of floor changes.
3. Expectations
   * Teacher concern that students are arriving on the floor too early.
     1. No students will be sent to the first floor prior to 8:10am.
     2. Students must have a written pass from the teacher with the date and acceptable time to send them up if there is an exception to the rule. All AP’s will be made aware.
   * Homeroom is an opportunity to connect with students.
   * Continue to discuss uniform expectations with students. Majority of students are in compliance.
   * Extended day attendance is mandatory for students who are mandated.
     1. Cannot be used as a detention
     2. Be sure to reach out to parents and get consent prior to keeping student for any reason.
4. Attendance
   * It is everyone’s responsibility.
   * Continue to reach out to homes when you see a pattern of absence or lateness developing.
5. Incentives and Consequences
   * Fall Dance to reward perfect attendance, uniform compliance, and class effort.
   * Not a punitive measure
   * Work in teacher teams to identify eligible students
6. Concerns Raised:
   * Students do not have working computers in the classrooms.
     1. Teachers are directed to give specific and detailed laptop information to Mr. Goldstein.

Mandatory House Meeting – Thursday October 20, 2011 pd. 6 in room 116